

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, paragraph beginning at line 6, amend as follows:

When a person ~~invented~~invents or ~~devised~~devises a new idea and intends to secure the right to effectuate the idea as a vocation, the person has to acquire a patent right, utility model right, etc. according to the patent statute etc., or the person has to open the details of the idea to the public so that the idea will become ~~public~~publicly known. If such procedures are not ~~done~~followed by the person, and another person or company ~~acquired~~acquires a patent right concerning the same idea, the right to effectuate the idea as a vocation is monopolized by the ~~another~~other person or company.

On page 1, paragraph beginning at line 14, amend as follows:

Therefore, a person who ~~invented~~invents or ~~devised~~devises a new idea ~~used~~typically ~~to~~acquireacquires a patent right etc. according to law or ~~make~~makes the idea ~~public~~publicly known by opening the details of the idea to the public in order to secure the right to effectuate the idea as a vocation.

On page 1, paragraph beginning at line 18, amend as follows:

However, applications for the patent right, utility model right, etc. according to patent statute etc. ~~take~~take much time and cost.

On page 17, paragraph beginning at line 30, amend as follows:

In such cases, the provider or manager of the document publication system 100 inputs the verification request containing the document ID to the certificate issuing section 130 by manual operation by use of an data input device (such as a keyboard). The certificate issuing section 130 which received the verification request sends the document ID included in the verification request to the data registration control section 120. When the document data and the publication time are supplied from the data registration control section 120 as reply, the certificate issuing section 130 informs the manager of the document publication system 100

about the reply by displaying a message on a display etc. Thereafter, the manager instructs the certificate issuing section 130 to print the document data and the publication time by use of a printer, or to convert the document data and the publication time into a format capable of preventing tampering of data and output the converted data to a record medium such as a magnetic disk. In the case where the document data and the publication time are printed by a printer, the manager puts his/her seal on the printout and sends the sealed printout to the requester of the verification. In the case where the document data and the publication time are outputted to a record medium, the record medium, in which the document data and the publication time have been recorded in a format that can not ~~tampered~~ be tampered with, is sent to the requester by mail, package delivery service, etc.

On page 20, paragraph beginning at line 17, amend as follows:

As set forth hereinabove, in the document publication system and the document publication method in accordance with the present invention, document data in which ideas are described can be published (opened to the public) at low costs, thereby the inventor of a new idea can secure the right to effectuate the idea as ~~vocation~~ a vocation easily and at a low cost.